

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 14 are in the application. Claims 1, 5, 10, and 13 are currently amended; claim 15 is canceled; and claims 2 - 4, 6 - 9, 11, 12, and 14 remain unchanged from the original versions thereof. Claims 1, 5, 10, and 13 are the independent claims herein.

Support for the currently amended claims 1, 5, 10, and 13 is provided in the Specification at paragraph 0027. No new matter has been added to the application for the amendments submitted herewith.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 - 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ryan et al., U.S. Publication No. 2004/0215793 (hereinafter, Ryan). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant's claims recite a computer-implemented method (1 - 4), computerized system (5 - 9), executable program code (10 - 12), and a method of interacting with a network access device (13, 14) related to mapping and analyzing links between "persons" (including non-human entities). For example, claim 1 relates to a computer-implemented method for managing risk through link analysis mapping that includes receiving, into a memory of a computer system, information descriptive of two or more persons; generating, in the computer system, links associating the two or more persons based upon the received information, wherein the links indicate a relationship between the two or more persons; receiving into the memory an identifier identifying a person; and generating, in the computer system, a link associating the identified person with one or more other persons. The method further includes outputting an indication of the link associating the identified person with the one or more other persons and an indication of one or more disconnects between the identified person

and the one or more other persons, wherein the disconnect indicates a separation in time regarding the link associating the identified person with the one or more other persons. Like claim 1, the aspect of outputting an indication of one or more disconnects between the identified person and the one or more other persons wherein the disconnect indicates a separation in time regarding the link associating the identified person with the one or more other persons is also recited in each of the other independent claims 5, 10, and 13.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited and relied upon Ryan fails to disclose or suggest the claimed outputting of an indication of the link associating the identified person with the one or more other persons and an indication of one or more disconnects between the identified person and the one or more other persons, wherein the disconnect indicates a separation in time regarding the link associating the identified person with the one or more other persons.

Contrary to Applicant's claims Ryan is silent regarding the claimed outputting of an indication of the link associating the identified person with the one or more other persons and an indication of one or more disconnects between the identified person and the one or more other persons, wherein the disconnect indicates a separation in time regarding the link associating the identified person with the one or more other persons. Ryan fails to disclose or suggest a disconnect between one identified person and other person(s) where a link associating the persons indicates a separation in time with respect to the link. That is, Ryan fails to suggest or disclose outputting an indication of a link that indicates a disconnect between one identified person and other person(s) where the link associating them is based on time.

Considering the various types of links disclosed by Ryan, Applicant notes that none relate to an indication of a link associating the identified person with the one or more other persons and an indication of one or more disconnects between the identified person and the one or more other persons, wherein the disconnect indicates a separation in time regarding the link associating the identified person with the one or more other persons. (See Ryan, paragraphs 0103 – 0116)

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Ryan fails to anticipate independent claims 1, 5, 10, and 13 under 35 USC 102(e) since Ryan does not disclose each and every aspect recited in the claims. Claims 2 – 4, 6 – 9, 11, 12, and 14 depend from claims 1, 5, 10, and 13. Therefore, Applicant submits that all of claims 1 – 14 are patentable over Ryan under 35 USC 102(e).

Applicant thus requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 – 14, as well as the allowance of same.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-5985.

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